

SUBMISSION UNDER MPEP 609 D

Page 1 of 1

<i>Application Number</i>	09/494,859
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 1, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	S.R. Beaton et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3728
<i>Examiner Name</i>	David Fidei
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	VTN-458

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

RECEIVED

MAY 07 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner 's Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITOL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²
<i>NO</i>		PCT International Search Report, dated February 17, 2003, for PCT Int'l. Appn. No. PCT/US02/20910	

**Examiner
Signature**

David O. Cole

Date Considered

7/28/03

RECEIVED

MAY 05 2003

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

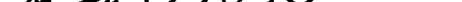
(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

<i>Application Number</i>	09/494,859
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 1, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Stephen R. Beaton et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3728
<i>Examiner Name</i>	David Fidei
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	VTN-458

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	7/21/03
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.